
Monroe County's Older Population

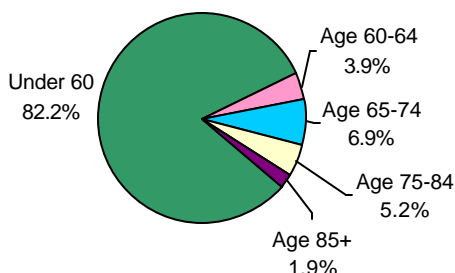
A summary of data from the U.S. Census, 2000

Population:

The proportion of people age 65 and older in Monroe County is similar to that of the state as a whole (13.9% versus 13.1%). The rate of growth in the older population since 1990 has been slower in this county than in the state as a whole (5.6% versus 7.9%). In all, 5,690 people in this county are age 65 or older, and 760 of these are age 85 or older. Monroe County's average (or median) age is 36.8 years, compared to a statewide median of 36.0 years.

Monroe County: Population and Change Since 1990						
	2000 Census		1990 Census		Change: 1990-2000	
	Number	% of Total	Number	% of Total	Number	% Change
Total, All Ages	40,899		36,633		4,266	11.6%
Persons 60 and over	7,296	17.8%	7,061	19.3%	235	3.3%
Persons 65 and over	5,690	13.9%	5,389	14.7%	301	5.6%
Persons 85 and over	760	1.9%	594	1.6%	166	27.9%

Age Groups, 2000: Percent of Monroe County Population in Each Group



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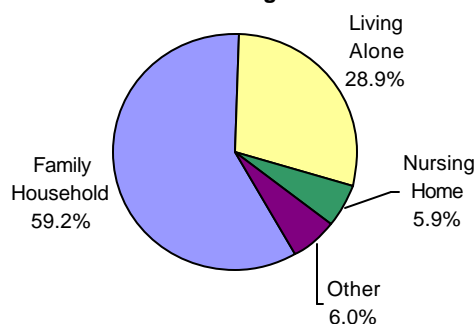
A large majority (99.2%) of Monroe County's 65 and over population is white. On average, the county's minority groups are younger than whites. Monroe County African Americans have a median age of 34.0 years, and the median age of Hispanics/Latinos here is 22.0 years. Whites, in contrast, average 37.2 years.

Living Arrangements:

Of the 15,399 households in Monroe County, 3,807 include at least one person age 65 or older (24.7% of all households). A total of 3,575 housing units in the county have a "household head" aged 65 or older, and 79.0% of these are owner occupied (the rest are rented).

A majority (59.2%) of the older population lives in "family households" containing at least two people related by blood or marriage, but another 28.9% of people 65 or older live alone. Of those older people in family households, 3.2% are living in the home of one of their children. A total of 336 people age 65 and older live in Monroe County nursing homes (5.9% of all those in this age group). A very small number of the county's older residents live in nonfamily households or in other institutions.

Living Arrangements of Monroe County Residents Age 65+



SOURCE: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000, Summary File 1.

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